

Article 6: Board and Commissions

Division 10: Wetlands Advisory Board

*(“Wetlands Advisory Board”
added on 9-9-1991 by O-17674 N.S.)*

§26.1001 Purpose and Intent

It is the purpose and intent of the City Council to establish a Wetlands Advisory Board, pursuant to section 43(a) of the City Charter to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on public policy matters relating to wetlands in The City of San Diego.

It is further the purpose and intent of the City Council to make available to City government the talents of those involved in various disciplines including, but not limited to, representation from the following organizations and/or interests: wetland specialist, environmental groups, land use planners, and community at large.

It is intended that all Board decisions for any recommended action be presented to the City Council and that those issues which go directly to City Council shall continue to do so and not be directed or addressed preliminarily to Council Committees unless so directed by the City Council.

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§26.1002 Wetlands Advisory Board Established

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established a Wetlands Advisory Board consisting of fifteen (15) members, who shall serve without compensation. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. All members of the Board shall be residents of The City of San Diego unless otherwise waived by the Council pursuant to Council Policy 000-13.

(b) Membership and Fields of Expertise

Fifteen environmental advocates, as follows:

- (1) Three (3) Wetland Scientists: degree in wetlands ecology or closely related field and two (2) years of experience;

- (2) One (1) Environmental Education/Outreach person: degree or two years experience in environmental education;
- (3) One (1) Fundraiser: four (4) years experience in fundraising;
- (4) One (1) Land Use expert: degree in land use planning or closely related field and two (2) years experience in environmental land use planning and regulations;
- (5) One (1) representative from Park and Recreation Board: nominated by Chair of the Park and Recreation Board to represent them and provide coordination;
- (6) Four (4) citizen members representing the following wetland types: vernal pools, coastal salt marsh, riparian fresh water habitat and marine resources; with consideration given to geographic diversity;
- (7) Three (3) representatives from broad based Environmental Organizations; and
- (8) One (1) member representing landowners.

Committee membership may be adjusted by City Council as needed to meet changing requirements.

(c) Terms of Members and Rules

The members shall serve two-year terms and each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed. The members shall be appointed in such a manner so that the terms of not more than eight (8) members shall expire in any year. The expiration date of all terms shall be July 1. During July of each year, the Mayor may designate one (1) member as Chairperson; however, in the absence of such designation, the Board shall, on or after August 15, select a Chairperson from among its members. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place becomes vacant. The Board shall adopt rules consistent with the law for the government of its business and procedures.

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